GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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CARGO FLIGHTS IN POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal department operates daily cargo, flights to some destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to extend the facility in various other destinations in near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts has chartered one Cargo plane from Air India for a period of one year. The Cargo plane operates on Kolkata-Guwahati-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata route six days a week.

(c) to (e) The Department has a plan scheme on wet lease of three freighter aircraft for conveyance of mail for major cities in the 11th Plan. However, the scheme is yet to be approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee.